

THOMAS COUNTY CAT.—SUPPLEMENT.

Oct. 14, 1886

Markham Ferry.

Kitty, Kitty, come puss!—Listen to a few words from the flowery banks of the gently flowing wise-man's river of arctic tendencies, i.e., to-wit: namely—The North Solomon.

Although the last to report to you Puss, we are not behind all the rest of Thomas county in thrift and enterprise. On the contrary we believe that the observant wayfarer passing through this lovely vale would be thoroughly convinced by the evidences on every hand, such as large well tilled farms, comfortable and convenient dwelling houses and other farm building; the splendid crops being garnered, the hundreds of stacks of hay and grain. The useful and convenient wind-mills studding the prairies on every hand, that this is a progressive go ahead community.

We have built a commodious school house on the west side section 14 town 8 range 33, and Miss Hattie Dedrick of Colby is engaged as teacher and is giving good satisfaction. The first term is now half completed.

School Board; Clerk, Chas. Plaster Director, W. H. Markham; Treasurer, John Randall; School house built and teachers wages raised entirely by subscription. Our enterprising fellow citizen Will Kenley gave five dollars toward teachers wages. We trust he has no ulterior motives.

We have also a thriving Sabbath school with average attendance of from fifty to a hundred. Everybody seems to take a deep interest and the best order and deportment is observed. Officers Chas. Plaster Superintendent; J. A. Morrison Assist. Superintendent; Mrs. Karnes Secretary; May Edwards Treasurer; Will Irwin chorister; teachers: Bible Students, Mrs. Markham; Truth Seekers, Will Irwin; Pearl Gathering, Mrs. Irwin; Golden Links, Mrs. Stewardson; Little Disciple, Mrs. Plaster. Thus far have been highly favored with an abundant supply of preachers. The Rev. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mitchell coming each alternate sabbath Mr. Wilson is to preach next Sunday immediately after Sabbath school which meets at 3:30 o'clock p. m. One week later the Rev. Mr. Turner favors us at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Markham has not yet obtained a charter for his long talked of ferry and the Oakley Teamsters will have to ford the Solomon, which, however, is not very inconvenient. However if George goes to the legislature we trust he will push this measure through. Well, for this time dear masculine feline, permit me in heartfelt thrilling tones to exclaim—hello!

VET.

Otterbourne Items.

A great many in these parts are proving up, which makes us more taxable property and less neighbors.

Mrs. Irwin commenced a three months term of school Wednesday, Sept. 22d, at the Mowry school house. Mrs. I. comes highly recommended as a teacher.

The explanation of the herd law is very satisfactory. The question was asked on the strength of a rumor that we had no herd law.

Mr. Donagan is having bad luck with his well. A stone turned the auger so they couldn't get the curbing down. They have commenced a new hole. Mr. D. lost three horses last Friday night, strayed off—a bay, a gray and a brown.

Frank Craig and wife leave for Doniphan county, Thursday, on a visit to her father. She will be gone most of the winter, but Frank will be back in about a month.

Mr. Jacob Stephens, from Fremont county, Iowa, a brother of Joseph Stephens arrived here last Saturday. Mr. S. is taking in the west generally. We hope to hear of him locating in Thomas county.

Mr. More resigned as secretary of the Otterbourne Union Sunday school last Sunday, and Miss Dora McCumber was elected to fill the vacancy.

Jno. Stephens took a trip up into Rawlins county last Sunday and Monday, on a foraging expedition. He came back loaded.

Just call Al Bennett Squire, and Henry Koeber sheriff, and see them smile. They are two good boys, if it wasn't for the company they keep.

Seth Rockwell is a lonely old bach now. S. L. Jr.

The threshing machine did service for J. W. Gilmore, Crumly, Stephens, and James Campbell last week.

Charley Ayers got water at 120 feet, and went through 60 feet of sand.

Mr. Barrett is making molasses. Prairie fires are seen daily. People cannot be too careful.

Mr. Archer has his house most finished on his school land and will move soon.

Willie Stephens is afflicted with some of Job's pets. Willie's pa told him that every boil was worth \$5.00 to him. Willie claims he is worth \$65.00 then.

Another daughter and son of Mr. McCumber arrived last week from Missouri.

Miss Giese has applied for our school. She comes well recommended as an able teacher.

Miss Hay has sold her timber

claim.

Mr. Donagan is having worse luck than ever. They are now on the third hole.

Mr. Trump was in from Sherman last week.

Geo. Lindauer received news Sunday of the serious illness of his brother Will at Kendall, Kans. Geo. left for there on Monday.

Wonder who held the baby, Jim or George.

Ask Will Jones if he shot at any antelope in St. John county.

S. L. Jr.

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